

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-41 have been cancelled.

42. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~liquid-liquid micro extraction, or liquid-liquid-liquid~~ micro extraction, said method comprising the steps of:

~~disposing providing a first container having a sample solution comprising a dissolved analyte into a first container~~ therein;

~~disposing providing a second container, that is hollow, into said sample solution, providing the second container with a membrane wall having fibre pores permeable by the analyte;~~

~~disposing an acceptor solution into filling the second container with an acceptor solution;~~

~~lowering the second container into the first container with the sample solution therein;~~

~~allowing analyte stirring the sample solution until equilibrium to be is established between said sample solution and said acceptor solution through said membrane wall; and~~

~~removing analyte enriched acceptor solution from said second container.~~

43. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 42 further comprising the step of ~~disposing a liquid membrane in impregnating said fibre pores with a liquid before disposing lowering~~ said second hollow container into said sample solution first container.

44. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 42 wherein the step of ~~disposing lowering~~ a second hollow container into said sample solution first container comprises ~~disposing lowering~~ a tubular microporous fibre into said sample solution first container.

45. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 44 wherein the step of ~~disposing lowering~~ a tubular fibre comprises ~~disposing lowering~~ a closed end fibre into said sample solution first container.

46. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 44 wherein the step of ~~disposing lowering~~ a tubular fibre comprises ~~disposing lowering~~ a center portion of a tubular fibre having two open ends into said sample solution first container.

47. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 44 wherein the step of ~~disposing~~  
~~filling~~ an acceptor solution into the second container ~~comprising~~ ~~comprises~~ the step of ~~disposing-filling~~  
~~the second container with~~ an acceptor solution having a pH for ionizing the analyte to prevent ionized  
analyte from passing from said acceptor solution through the membrane wall and into the sample solution.

Claims 48-61 cancelled.